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HELSINKI FOR CONGRESSMAN FARCELL AND SPENCER OLIVER

FROM CSCE COMMISSION STAFF CLIFFORD BRODY

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SUBJECT: CSCE COMMISSION MESSAGE: QUESTIONS ABOUT
COUNCIL OF EUROPE PLANNING FOR BELGRADE

1. VISITS TO LUXEMBOURG AND STRASBOURG HAVE BEEN VERY
USEFUL, ESPECIALLY TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CSCE
CONSULTATIONS AMONG EC AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE COUNTRIES
PRIOR TO BELGRADE.

2. SEVERAL COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL BE DEBATING CSCE AND BELGRADE
DURING THE PARLIAMENT'S PLENARY SESSION NEXT APRIL.
SEVERAL STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE PARLIAMENT HAVE
ALREADY DIVIDED UP THE VARIOUS FINAL ACT CHAPTERS FOR
ANALYSIS AND ARE MEETING PERIODICALLY TO PREPARE THE
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APRIL DEBATE SCHEDULE, IDENTIFYING THOSE PROVISIONS OF

THE FINAL ACT WHICH IN THEIR JUDGMENT WILL REQUIRE OPEN DISCUSSION BY THE PARLIAMENTARIANS. THEY ARE CONSIDERING RESOLUTIONS AS WELL. THESE COMMITTEES THUS HAVE UNDERTAKEN AN EFFORT SIMILAR TO THAT OF OUR OWN GROUP, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT THEIR ONLY WORK. AND, IN A WORD, THEY'RE PLEASED WE'RE IN THE SAME BUSINESS.

3. SVHUMANN AND PRIESTMAN BOTH STRESSED THAT FOR SEVERAL EUROPEAN STATES, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REPRESENT THE ONLY FORMAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN WHICH CONSULTATION ON BELGRADE CAN TAKE PLACE. THESE COUNTRIES, OF COURSE, ARE THOSE OUTSIDE THE COMMON MARKET AND NATO. GOOD CONTACT WITH OUR COMMISSION WILL BE HELPFUL, THEY SAID, IN PROVIDING THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES DESCRIBED ABOVE WITH SUBSTANTIAL INSIGHT ON THINKING ABOUT BELGRADE IN THE UNITED STATES, EVEN AS THEY UNDERSTAND THE LIMITS OF THE COMMISSION'S ROLE VIS-A-VIS THE EXECUTIVE IN THE FORMULATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

4. CSCE COMMISSION MEMBERS AT THE ACTION ADDRESS CAPITALS MAY SEEK FURTHER COMMENT ON THE BELGRADE CONSULTATIONS AT STRASBOURG BY TALKING TO THE RIGHT PERSONS AMONG THE LOCAL PARLIAMENTARIANS ELECTED FROM THEIR COUNTRIES TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THESE KEY PEOPLE CAN BE LOCATED BY CALLING THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT IN THESE CAPITALS:
ROME: MR. NICOLA RICCIUTI - TEL 67061; ATHENS: MR. NICOLAS VLACHOS - TEL 745 600; OSLO: MR. KNUT MORKVED - TEL 413810; BERN: MR. MAX FRIEDLI - TEL 031 619715.

5. IN CAPITALS NOT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4, IT MAY BE

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USEFUL TO QUERY OFFICIALS ON WHETHER THEY THINK THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS A USEFUL, PROPER FORUM FOR PRE-BELGRADE PLANNING AND DEBATE. IT IS WORTH ADDING HERE THAT THE VARIOUS COUNCIL OF EUROPE AMBASSADORS (AS OPPOSED TO THE PARLIAMENTARIANS) ALSO HAVE BEGUN TO MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS CSCE COMPLIANCE AND THE BELGRADE MEETING; AT THESE MEETINGS, TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE, THEY ARE CONVEYING THE GENERAL THOUGHTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. WHAT IS NOVEL, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE AMBASSADORS ENVISAGE A JOINT MEETING OR TWO IN STRASBOURG WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE COMMITTEE WORK (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE). THESE JOINT SESSIONS WOULD EXPLORE DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS VIEW IN EUROPE -- GOVERNMENTAL AND PARLIAMENTARY--ON CSCE.

6. THIS COUNCIL OF EUROPE/EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT EFFORT MAY BE AMBITIOUS, PERHAPS OVERLY SO. VARIOUS EUROPEAN
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GOVERNMENTS MAY NOT WISH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO HAVE SUCH A HIGH PROFILE IN PRE-BELGRADE PLANNING. FOR OUR PURPOSES NOW, THOUGH, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FIND OUT THE GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDE ON THIS.

7. PARIS PROGRAM LOOKS VERY GOOD. EMBASSY IS MOST HELPFUL.
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